

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF AGUDAS ACHIM

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 4, 2011

Mr. SCHOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 125th Anniversary of Congregation Agudas Achim in Peoria, Illinois.

Agudas Achim was founded in 1886 by a group of 18 settlers in Peoria as the first Traditional Orthodox Jewish Congregation in that part of the country. In the following decades, Agudas Achim grew to be the largest Traditional Jewish Congregation in Illinois outside of Chicago.

Since its founding, Agudas Achim has had a physical presence in many parts of the City of Peoria, constantly expanding its facilities to meet the needs of its growing congregation. From the South Side to North Peoria, Agudas Achim has put down deep roots in the city.

Throughout its long history, Agudas Achim has weathered many challenges and changing times, but it continues in its mission to serve the Traditional Jewish community in Central Illinois through assembly, study, and prayer. I congratulate the leaders and members of the congregation on this significant anniversary.

CONGRATULATING THE MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM

HON. JOE DONNELLY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 4, 2011

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Marian High School girls' soccer team of Mishawaka, Indiana. The Knights competed in the Indiana High School Athletic Association state championship on October 29, 2011 at Kuntz Stadium in Indianapolis, with a tough 1 to 0 loss to first place Providence in a shootout following two overtime periods.

The Knights worked tirelessly this season, garnering an 18–3–1 record with half of their victories captured with more than five goals. Leading scorer, Junior Gabby Veldman, scored thirty-two goals during the season. A testament to the character of the Marian team, Senior Lauren Garatoni received the Mental Attitude Award from the Indiana High School Athletic Association.

The Marian team consisted of twenty-two young women, including: Liz Naquin, Brittany Payne, Denise (D.J.) Veldman, Gabby Lucchese, Lauren Wade, Tracy Scott, Shannon Hendricks, Madeline LaDue, Jen Smith, Josie Cressy, Gabby Veldman, Melissa Cunningham, Lauren Garatoni, Carson Ludwig, Claire Griffith, Maggie Wanecke, Maggie Hartnagel, Bridget Doyle, Cassie Sloma,

Emma Capannari, Makaela Douglas, and Devon Smith.

I also congratulate the dedicated coaching staff of Head Coach Djamel Charmat and Assistant Coaches Erin Shindledecker and Jim Douglas, who helped guide the Knights to the state championship game. The coaches developed a team with depth, talent, a strong defense, a high scoring offense, and most importantly, good sportsmanship.

I offer my congratulations to the members of the girls' soccer team of Marian High School, the coaching staff, the school administration and community for their accomplishments this season including their second place finish in the IHSAA 1–A State Soccer Tournament.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 4, 2011

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, on November 3, 2011, I was absent from the House and missed rollcall vote 825.

Had I been present for rollcall 825, on passage of H.R. 2930, a measure to amend the securities laws to provide for registration exemptions for certain crowdfunded securities, and for other purposes, I would have voted "no."

RECOGNIZING 185TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF SCHUYLKILL TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 4, 2011

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Schuylkill Township, Chester County on the occasion of the 185th anniversary of its founding.

The first settlers to move into Schuylkill Township were Dutch, Swedish, and Welsh; many of whom were Quakers. They arrived in 1713 with James Anderson being the first European settler with his family to arrive. He had immigrated from the Isle of Skye in Scotland in 1707. His home and farmstead, "Anderson Place," still stands. Son Patrick was the first child born in the township. He was to serve as a captain in the Revolutionary War and later was promoted to Major. The Anderson family is buried in Anderson Cemetery on Valley Park Road. The last Anderson to reside at the farmstead was in 1955. William Moore arrived and built Moore Hall, which is a National Register home, as well as the Bull Tavern visited by General Washington.

The Friends Quaker Meeting is historic and was active in the abolitionist movement with the Underground Railroad. Corner Stores at

the intersection of White Horse and Valley Forge Roads was the first and major commercial center in this area and continues today. Valley Forge Road was the major route between the western forges and the City of Philadelphia and continues as the Valley Forge Historic Corridor through Schuylkill Township.

Once a farm community, Schuylkill Township today seeks to preserve its agricultural landscape. The Open Space Commission is working to preserve open space with the Pickering Preserve and the purchase of Valley Park where meadow lands are being preserved. Preservation efforts are also underway for the Ticket Pavilion of the old Valley Park Trolley Park, which once operated to the delight of its residents.

Mr. Speaker, in light of the 185th anniversary of the founding of Schuylkill Township, I ask that my colleagues join me today in celebrating this momentous occasion and recognizing the Township's rich history and economic and social contributions to the quality of life enjoyed by its outstanding citizens and all of Chester County.

HONORING MR. PHILIP MELVIN UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 4, 2011

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight the career of Mr. Philip Melvin (Phil) for his thirty years of distinguished service to the United States House of Representatives. Phil has served this great institution as a valued employee of House Information Resources (HIR) in the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

Phil began his tenure with the House in 1981 as a Mainframe Computer Operator. Diligently rising through the ranks, Phil was eventually selected to be the Lead Computer Operator. His duties entailed bringing the House's systems online, recognizing and diagnosing hardware and software problems, maintaining quality control of printed output, and training new Operations Staff. Mainframe operations were the heart of the House's emerging Information Technology Infrastructure.

Phil's technical expertise and delivery of mainframe operational services led to his appointment as a Mainframe Systems Programmer, whereby he provided the system tools and computer resources required to host the House's mission critical internal applications on the mainframe.

In the early 90's, Phil was selected to support a Distributed Systems Support Project, which required him to support the multiple e-mail systems then in use by the House. Phil was responsible for managing the main system that allowed Members to send/receive mail from several different e-mail systems. In

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